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1. Three kilometers south-southeast of the city of Kosice was the Kosice Civilian Airfield 4840N-2115E Enclosure A7. The Czechoslovak Airlines (Ceskoslovenske aerolinie - CSA) and the Svazarm Aero-club used this airfield. Although no military aircraft were based here, military planes landed occasionally.
2. Airfield administrative functions were performed by about 10 blue-uniformed CSA personnel, under the supervision of Field Director (fnu) SVOBODA, an ardent Communist of approximately 35 years of age (height: 175 cm.).
3. The airfield formed an 1,800 x 800 m. rectangle (possible extensibility to the north and south). There were no specially prepared landing surfaces and after heavy rains the airfield's soft and slippery surface caused it to be closed to heavy aircraft. Drainage was natural and very poor. At the east edge of the field a new runway was under construction March 1953 which was to be completed by the Winter of 1953.
4. The immediate terrain (245 m. above sea level) was flat, although five kilometers north-northwest were hills and 10-15 km. to the northwest were mountains 400 m. high. Weather conditions permitted the airport to remain usable all year (except by heavy aircraft after heavy rains).
5. Communication equipment at Kosice Airfield consisted of a Yalta (sic) (German) transmitter and receiver Enclosure B, Point 27 and a US teletype which transmitted messages to and from Bratislava. There was a telephone located in the passenger waiting room Enclosure B, Point 27. this airfield did not use the new Soviet aircraft ground control signals Described by [REDACTED] but flares, although [REDACTED] the flares in use. Only minor repairs were done here. Electricity, [REDACTED] came from Kosice.

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6. Fuel was brought in from Kosice by two tank trucks with motor-driven pumps. since there was no POL storage at the field. [] any weapons or ammunition storage at Kosice Airfield.
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7. [] defense installations at this field. It was guarded by four or five black-uniformed CSA personnel, who were armed with pistols and patrolled the area day and night.
8. An ambulance and a fire-fighting crew in a truck were present for all airplane landings and take-offs.

Enclosure A: Pinpoint Location of Kosice Civilian Airfield and Nearby Landmarks. Overlay of GSGS 4416, Sheet W-15, Middle Danube, Kosice

B: Memory Sketch of Kosice Airfield

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